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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for transferring an image to a colored fibrous substrate comprising woven, fabric based material, or paper, comprising:

providing an image transfer sheet comprising an image transfer substrate; a release layer contacting the image transfer substrate and an image-imparting layer that comprises a polymer that includes indicia wherein one or more of the image-imparting layer and the release layer is impregnated with comprises one or more of titanium oxide or other white pigment or luminescent pigment;

contacting the image transfer sheet to the colored fibrous substrate <u>comprising woven</u>, <u>fabric based material</u>, <u>or paper</u>; and

applying heat to the image transfer sheet so that an image including indicia from the image-imparting layer is transferred from the image transfer sheet to the colored fibrous substrate comprising woven, fabric based material, or paper wherein the image comprises a substantially white background or luminescent background and indicia.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the colored fibrous substrate comprising woven, fabric based material, or paper is a fabric.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the colored fibrous substrate comprising woven, fabric based material, or paper is black.
- 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the image imparting layer is impregnated with one or more of titanium oxide or other white pigment or luminescent material.

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6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the polymer of the image-imparting layer encapsulates the titanium oxide or other white pigment and indicia and transfers the titanium oxide or other white pigment in a pattern that forms the indicia on the colored substrate.

- 7. (Currently Amended) An image transfer sheet, comprising:
 a colored, fibrous substrate[[;]] comprising woven, fabric based material, or paper;
 a release layer overlaying the substrate, wherein the release layer is impregnated with titanium oxide or other white pigment or luminescent pigment; and
- a polymer layer wherein one or more of the release layer and the polymer layer emprise titanium oxide or other white pigment.
- 8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Original) The image transfer sheet of claim 7 wherein the polymer layer is comprised of titanium oxide or other white pigment.
- 10. (Original) The image transfer layer of claim 7 wherein the polymer layer comprises polypropylene.
- 11. (Original) The image transfer layer of claim 7 wherein the polymer layer comprises polyester or polyamide or a mixture of polyester and polyamide.
- 12. (Original) A kit comprising the image transfer sheet of claim 7 and a colored fabric.
- 13. (Original) The kit of claim 12 wherein the colored fabric is an article of clothing.
- 14. (Original) The kit of claim 13 wherein the article of clothing is a T-shirt.

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15. (Original) The image transfer sheet of claim 7 wherein the polymer layer is a polyamide.

16. (Original) The image transfer sheet of claim 7 wherein the polymer comprises LDPE, EAA, EVA, MAEA, nylon or mixtures of these polymers or polyamide.

17-20. (Cancelled)